Instructions regarding State level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee

3975. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the instructions to various State Governments for appointment of State level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee to examine National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and various other Rural Development Schemes;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware about non-functioning of such State level Committee in the State of Gujarat; and

(c) if so, what actions are proposed in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have been constituted at State and District Level in all States and Union Territories with a view to effectively review and monitor the implementation of all rural development programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development including National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS).

(b) Earlier, due to announcement of General Elections in 2007 to Gujarat Legislative Assembly and enforcement of model code of conduct, the State Level Meeting of Vigilance and Monitoring Committee could not be held. Thereafter five MLAs from newly elected Assembly are required to be nominated on the Committee which is still pending. Due to this, State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee during 2007-08 could not be held.

(c) Not applicable.

Study by Centre for Environment and Food Security on NREG Yojana

†3976. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Centre for Environment and Food Security had conducted a study on National Rural Employment Guarantee Yojana in Kalahandi like six districts of Orissa;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to the report on study 25 per cent of the scheme amount was spent for the said district and the remaining 75 per cent was claimed by graft;

(c) if so, the details of the report and Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) the action being taken thereon by Government?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Yes, Sir. Centre for Environment and Food Security had conducted a study on National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in six districts of Orissa, namely, Kalahandi, Koraput, Nabarangpur, Rayagada, Nuapada and Bolangir.

(b) The study made by Centre for Environment and Food Security has alleged that 25% of the scheme amount reached the targeted population and the remaining 75% was claimed by graft.

(c) and (d) Main findings of the Study Report by Centre for Environment and Food Security (CEFS) is enclosed as Statement. (See below). Even before the release of report by the CEFS, the Ministry based on a news report, had asked the State Government of Orissa to investigate the case and submit a detailed report on the issues raised in the said report. The State Government intimated that the report of CEFC had been forwarded to the concerned District Magistrates and Collectors to conduct field enquiry and submit report. Subsequent to the availability of the detailed report in this matter, the State Government was requested to get the full-fledged case by case investigation done. Accordingly, the State Government constituted a Fact Finding Committee to finally examine the report and to inter-act with the CEFS, before finalization of the State Level Report as requested by this Ministry. The State Government had also requested the National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad to conduct independent external evaluation of NREGA in Orissa.

Statement

Main Findings of the Study Report by the Centre for Environment and Food Security

District:- Kalahandi

Talbelgaon Panchayat

- Employment, wages, Muster Roll and Job Card exit only on papers not on the ground.

Chancher Panchayat/Ghantmal Panchayat

- Only half of the households received job cards in this village.
- Households not received any work. However, On-line job card indicates job/wages payment details.

Duarsuni Panchayat

- Documentary source of information about NREGA is not available in this panchayat.
- Villagers denied work when they had gone to work site asking for the job.
- On-line entries are false and fabricated showing payment of wages at the rate of Rs. 200/- per day.

Santpur Panchayat

- Employment and wages have been given only on papers not on the ground.

Baddharpur Panchayat

- Households are aware about over entries in their job card, but finds helpless and does not know who and where to lodge complaint.
- Lots of corruption and financial bungling in this panchayat.

Talnagi Panchayat

- Financial bungling in the wage employment offered under the job scheme.
- Construction of Road started in May, 2006 and continued until February, 2007 Households not received wages until April, 2007.

District:- Koraput

Pipalpadar Panchayat

- Household have not been given 100 days of guaranteed employment.
- Two versions of official records.
- Fake job entreis regarding work provided for more than 100 days.
- Lots of corruption and financial bungling.

Raising Panchayat

- Misappropriation of NREGS funds.
- Double number of workdays recorded in the job cards as compared to the actual job days availed by villagers.
- Employment payments, Muster Roll and Job Card have been given only on papers not on the ground.

Hikimput Panchayat

- Many job cards where false wage entries show payment at the rate of Rs. 100-220 per day.
- On-line job cards entries are false.

Bheja Panchayat

- All the entries have been forged and fabricated in order to siphon off NREGS funds.
- Job and wage entries are false in their on line job cards.

- Officials have withdrawn wage amounts 5-10 time more than actual wages paid.

District:- Nabarangpur

Lamtaguda Panchayat

- Forged and fabricated job and wage entries in the job cards and muster roll registers.

Parajabarangapadar Panchayat/Manchagam Panchayat

- Corruption and financial bungling in this panchayat.
- On-line entries are false and fabricated.

District:- Rayagada

Adajore Gram Panchayat

- Households not received any work, however on-line job card indicates job-payment details.
- On-line entries are false and fabricated.
- Nobody in this village has received job cards.
- Lots of corruption and financial bungling.

Maikanch Gram Panchayat

- On-line entries are false and fabricated.
- The muster rolls register where workers had signed was fake and duplicate.

Kasipur Gram Panchayat

- Most of workers have received partial/nominal or no payments at all.

Rengacolony Gram Panchayat

- Lots of corruption and financial bungling.
- Most of workers have received partial/nominal or no payments at all.

Tikari Gram Panchayat

- Some household have been given job cards in this village but even those households have got only 2-3 days of work under NREGA.

District:- Nuapada

Saradhapur Panchayat/Ranimunada Panchyat

- Employment, payments, Muster Roll and Job Card has given only on papers not on the ground.

- Misappropriation of NREGS funds.

Khasbahal Panchayat

- On-line entries are false and fabricated.

Dabari Panchayat

- Households worked in December, 2006, but they did not get any payment.

District:- Bolangir

Hial Panchayat/Kuibahal Panchayat

- Job entries are apparently fake and fabricated.

Chatuanka Panchayat/Dhamandaga Panchayat

- Household received only job cards and no work under NREGS.

  Lots of corruption and financial bungling.

Loans and grants to States from the cess on diesel and petrol

†3977. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether for connecting rural habitations with roads State Government have been given loan or grants from the corpus created by collecting cess on diesel and petrol;

(b) if so, the names of State with amount given to each in what form in 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07; and

(c) the length of road constructed in each States from this amount upto December, 2007?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Under PMGSY releases have been made to States in the form of grants-in-aid. State-wise funds released to States/Union Territories (including releases made to Programme Implementing Units) and others during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 is enclosed as Statement-I. (*See* below). The releases include a portion of funds received on levy of cess on high speed diesel, and additional financial resources raised through World Bank and Asian Development Bank. Funds have been released as per the programme guidelines.

(c) State-wise length of roads constructed and or upgraded under PMGSY during the year 2004-05, 2005-06, and 2006-07 is enclosed as Statement-II.

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